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SUBJECT: KISSINGER VISIT TO TURKEY AND GREECE

1. FEW ATHENIAN NEWSPAPERS THAT PUBLISHED OCTOBER 17
DESPITE LINOTYPISTS STRIKE ANNOUNCED SECRETARY KISSINGER
INTENDS GO TO TURKEY TO HELP RESOLVE CYPRUS DISPUTE AS SOON
AS CONGRESS CLEARS UP CONTROVERSY OVER CONTINUING U.S. ARMS
SUPPLIES TO TURKEY. SPECULATING ON BASIS REUTERS REPORT OF
DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN'S BRIEFING OF OCTOBER 16, REPORTS ASSERTED
KISSINGER WOULD THEN PROCEED TO ATHENS TO CONTINUE CONTACTS
HE BEGAN IN NEW YORK TWO WEEKS AGO WITH GREEK AND TURKISH
FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE REUTERS DISPATCH NOTED THAT NO DATE
HAS BEEN SET FOR US RESUMPTION OF ITS EFFORTS RELATIVE TO
CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. LOCAL NEWS HEADLINES WERE MORE SPECIFIC THAN NEWS
STORY: ELEFTHEROS COSMOS ANNOUNCED ON FRONT PAGE "MR.
KISSINGER IN ATHENS" WITH SUB-HEADLINES, "PROBABLY
AROUND END OF NOVEMBER" AND "VISIT TO ANKARA TO PROCEED."
COMMUNIST RIZOSPASTIS USED REUTERS DISPATCH BUT BACKPAGE
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HEADLINE WAS "VISIT--PROVOCATION." ATHENS DAILY POST

(ENGLISH LANGUAGE) LEAD HEADLINE WAS "KISSINGER IS
COMING--STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES VISIT TO GREECE AND
TURKEY."

3. NATIONAL RADIO THIS MORNING ALSO CARRIED REPORT OF
SECRETARY'S INTENDED TRAVEL TO TURKEY AND GREECE.

4. COMMENT. IN VIEW MISLEADING HEADLINES, WE ARE MAKING
AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TO SELECTED PRESS
TRANSCRIPT OF SPOKESMAN'S OCT 16 BRIEFING.
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